

IRWINDALE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
5050 N. IRWINDALE AVENUE
IRWINDALE, CALIFORNIA 91706

AUGUST 2, 2024
FRIDAY
10:00 A.M.

The Irwindale **CITY COUNCIL** met in a special meeting at the above time and place.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilmembers Mark A. Breceda, Manuel R. Garcia, H. Manuel Ortiz; Mayor Pro Tem Larry G. Burrola (arrived at 10:14 a.m.); Mayor Albert F. Ambriz

Also Present: Julian A. Miranda, City Manager; Adrian Guerra, City Attorney; and Laura Nieto, Chief Deputy City Clerk

AB 2449 DISCLOSURES None.

SPONTANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS None.

NEW BUSINESS

ITEM NO. 7A
DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION REGARDING IMPACTS TO IRWINDALE FROM THE PROPOSED L.A. CO. ½% SALES TAX INITIATIVE

DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION REGARDING IMPACTS TO IRWINDALE FROM THE PROPOSED LOS ANGELES COUNTY 1/2% SALES TAX INITIATIVE (THE "AFFORDABLE HOUSING, HOMELESSNESS SOLUTIONS AND PREVENTION NOW" MEASURE) TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS AT THE NOVEMBER 5, 2024 BALLOT

ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER OLIVARES

Assistant City Manager Olivares presented the staff report.

COUNCILMEMBER ORTIZ

In response to a question by Councilmember Ortiz, Assistant City Manager Olivares advised that the CA Dept. of Tax and Fee Administration ("CDTFA") is responsible for ensuring that taxing agencies accurately disburse and receive tax allocations.

COUNCILMEMBER GARCIA

Councilmember Garcia asked whether the proposed tax would have a sunset clause, to which Assistant City Manager Olivares indicated that it would not and would run in perpetuity. Councilmember Garcia also asked about the availability of proceeds should the tax be approved, to which Assistant City Manager Olivares indicated that, should the City decline in seeking the proceeds from the proposed tax, the County or any other agency could seek to obtain them. She noted that it is estimated that this tax would generate approximately \$1-1.8 million in general fund revenues per year and that the tax would be implemented if over 50% of voters vote in favor of approving it.

COUNCILMEMBER ORTIZ	Councilmember Ortiz noted the complexity of the matter, to which Assistant City Manager Olivares advised that, though complicated, there is an urgency to act quickly since the City would only have until August 9 to transmit the necessary information to the County. Staff would also like to transmit the verbiage of the ordinance to the CDTFA for their review and input, after which staff would like to present the resolution and ordinance to the City Council at its next meeting in order to move forward with placement of the matter on the ballot for the November election.
MAYOR PRO TEM BURROLA	In response to a question by Mayor Pro Tem Burrola, Assistant City Manager Olivares repeated that the funds that would be made available could be sought by other agencies if Irwindale voters do not approve the proposed tax. She noted that the Council best knows the needs of the community and how to best utilize any incoming funds, though the City would have no say in how funding is used if it goes to the County, for example. It is highly unlikely that any of the funding would be returned to Irwindale in the latter example.
DENA ZEPEDA	Dena Zepeda thanked Assistant City Manager Olivares for the information and suggested that the city seek approval of the measure on the ballot.
SUZANNE GOMEZ	Suzanne Gomez also recommended placing this measure on the ballot in the hopes it will achieve voter approval, though she suggested that it include a sunset date.
COUNCILMEMBER GARCIA	In response to a question by Councilmember Garcia, City Attorney Guerra stated that he is not aware of anything that would restrict the City from having full access to the funding should the measure be approved by voters. City Attorney Guerra also explained why there is no need to include a sunset date in the ordinance. Councilmember Garcia then asked how the funding could be used to which City Attorney Guerra indicated that a special tax could be approved to earmark proceeds for a specific purpose and a general tax could be approved to allow the City to decide how the funding should be utilized.
ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER OLIVARES	Assistant City Manager Olivares noted that the proposed measure is being billed as a general tax.
COUNCILMEMBER ORTIZ	Councilmember Ortiz asked what would happen if the measure did not pass countywide, but the measure for Irwindale did pass, to which Assistant City Manager Olivares indicated that the day after Measure H sunsets, Irwindale would capture a ¼ cent sales tax. Councilmember Ortiz suggested adopting the ordinance as soon as possible and recommended that the measure be formulated to

emphasize that the use of some of the funding would go toward assisting homeless individuals.

MAYOR PRO TEM
BURROLA

Mayor Pro Tem Burrola concurred with Councilmember Ortiz and thanked staff for their awareness regarding this matter.

MAYOR AMBRIZ

Mayor Ambriz agreed to move forward so that the City could collect the funding and determine how best to use it.

MOTION

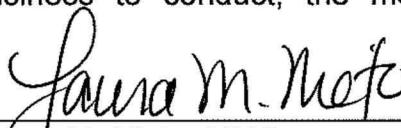
A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Burrola, seconded by Councilmember Ortiz, to move forward with adopting any resolutions and ordinances needed to submit a local ballot measure to assess a ¼ cent sales tax. The motion was unanimously approved.

CITY MANAGER
MIRANDA

City Manager Miranda thanked Assistant City Manager Olivares, City Attorney Guerra, and Finance Director Borhani for the hard work they put into the report and for their efforts in meeting the related deadlines.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 10:38 a.m.



Laura M. Nieto, MMC
Chief Deputy City Clerk

Approved as submitted at the meeting held September 11, 2024.